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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists the names of four persons nominated to fill At-Large vacancies. The biographical resumes of those persons nominated as At-Large members to the SEAC are found in Attachment C.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve four At-Large nominees to the SEAC for the terms specified, as listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 27, 2012.

**ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Acronym</u>
1. American Federation of Teachers Michigan	AFTMi
2. Association for Children's Mental Health	ACMH
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
5. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
6. Michigan Alliance for Families	MAF
7. Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
8. Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
9. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
10. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
11. Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators	MAISEA
12. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
13. Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	MATEDC
14. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
15. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
16. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
17. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
18. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
19. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
20. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
21. Michigan Education Association	MEA
22. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
23. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
24. Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

In addition to the organizational seats, eight At-Large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education. Presently, the Board is being asked to fill four At-Large vacancies.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and  
their Respective Terms of Service**

Name	Representing	Length of Term
Sara Ann Park	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014
Celena Barnes*	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Dorie France*	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Frank Liberati*	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
*Person with or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability		

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**At-Large Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014

Name: Sara Ann Park	
Business Address: Cassopolis Public Schools Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 Dowagiac Union Schools Dowagiac, Michigan 49047	Home Address: 22359 Maple Street Cassopolis, Michigan 49031
Business Telephone: 269-445-0511 or 269-782-4440	Cell Phone: 269-591-9849
Business E-mail: spark@cassopolis.org spark@dowagiacschools.org	Home E-mail: sarapark1@frontier.com
Present Position: Special Education Supervisor for Cassopolis Public Schools and Dowagiac Union Schools	
Category <input type="checkbox"/> Organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lewis Chism, Current SEAC Delegate and Special Education Director <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: 1994 – 2003 Special Educator, Benton Harbor Area Schools. Benton Harbor, Michigan 2004 – 2006 Special Educator, Dowagiac Union School. Dowagiac, Michigan 2006 – 2008 Child Study Coordinator and Special Educator, Dowagiac Union Schools. 2009 – currently Special Education Supervisor through Lewis Cass Intermediate School District assigned to locals	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Membership is current in Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Michigan Association of Administrators in Special Education (MAASE).	
Education: Bachelor of Science, Indiana University at South Bend, Indiana; Degree in Elementary and Special Education; Master Degree in Special Education, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan; Educational Specialist Degree at Grand Valley State University. Currently Enrolled.	
Miscellaneous Information: McKinney - Vento Homeless Liaison; son has severe learning disability and is aged 28.	
Federal legislation mandates that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26 years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition. <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No         </div>	

**At-Large Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015

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**At-Large Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015

Name: Frank Liberati	
Business Address: 7607 Allen Road Allen Park, Michigan 48101	Home Address: 9068 Quandt Allen Park, Michigan 48101
Business Telephone: 313-928-8000	Home Telephone: 313-381-2834
Business E-mail: liberatideli@aol.com	Home E-mail: FLiberati@aol.com
Present Position: Owner, Liberati's Italian Deli & Bakery President, Allen Park Public Schools Board of Education	
Category <input type="checkbox"/> Organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Self Nominated <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                      Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: 14 year old son, Antonio, has a severe cognitive disability. I have been on various advisory committees and other advocate/support groups since he was two years of age. Currently I am an Alternate member on the Special Education Advisory Committee representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Allen Park Board of Education President, 2006 – present; Fragile X Association of Michigan, Board of Directors	
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Marketing, Michigan State University	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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